

environment now resembles theirs. The shield is blue, to signify loyalty to the Air Force, and those in the Civil Air Patrol.

The Civil Air Patrol three-blade propeller is in the center of the shield, showing the central role of CAP. The blue of the shield represents charity, as we are all volunteers and are giving up our time in the hope of developing one's self. The red three-blade propeller represents the three missions of CAP, and it's long history of service to our nation.

The torch under the CAP shield represents how the cadet staff and seniors pass the torch of leadership to the next generation. Its location serves

as the foundation for the CAP shield, just as encampment serves as a foundation for the cadet program. The yellow in the torch represents excellence and honor, the red flame represents courage, and the orange flame represents ambition, since all are required to complete the program.

The Insignia is set on a black

background, which represents determination. Determination is needed to both create and complete this level of training. The gray border represents maturity, because the CTG is the foundational step in the cadet program. Once completed, graduates assume higher levels of responsibility and have new opportunities open to them. Minnesota is written across the top in gray, to show our link to where we are. The blue banner at the bottom of the patch is to remember all of the locations that have hosted encampment in the past, and the charity that has been received by those hosts.

The emblem represents the CTG, who we were, are, and will be.

—Major Kilian, Commander, w/  
Captain Dew, 9th CTS Senior TAC

***“Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer.”***

—Someone

***“Get lots of rest.”***

—1st Lt. Gates

***“If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat and drop it?”***

—Steven Wright

***“Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.”***

—Douglas Adams



*Cadets preparing to depart formation, bound for the dining facility.*

***“Once the game is over the***

***king and pawn go back in the same box.”***

—Unknown

***“The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.”***  
- Ralph Nader

### Today's Agenda

Ropes Course

Squadron Inspection

Flight Time!

Aerospace Education

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## Yesterday in Review

*By C/1st Lt. Andrew Atkins, Cadet PAO*

Yesterday was a blast for every cadet at encampment. After the usual 0500 wakeup, morning PT and breakfast, cadets headed down to the gunnery range flight by flight for M-16 target practice. Senior Airman Nicholas Ratka was the head instructor on the range, along with SrA Mike Scot and Major Mike Stroede. Together they instructed the entire Basic Cadet Body as well as Senior and Cadet staff, running the entire encampment through. Everyone had the chance to fire ten rounds on three different targets. Afterwards, each member could retrieve their targets and look over their results. Most had substantial success, a few having great success. Others had trouble getting shots off or even hitting the target. No worries, it was the first time ever shooting a firearm for many of the cadets, making it an experience to never forget. The more successful cadets and seniors turned in their target sheets to LTC Miller to be reviewed for Best Marksman Award.

response would look something like this..." and SrA Scot would draw his pistol and fire fifteen rounds through the target. "If it is a little more serious, we can use the M-16 on burst mode..." and then he would load a magazine into the rifle and shoot off twenty rounds in the blink of an eye. "And if something goes insanely wrong, we can always pull out the M-60..." SrA Scot would emerge from the side of the range, shoulder the hefty weapon and squeeze the trigger for thirty rounds of full auto fire. They put on an impressive and entertaining show.



*Extremely Special Cadets C/Major Sobolewski and Command Chief Broekema had the opportunity to fire the Beretta M9 pistol. They both proved to be very skilled.*



*SrA Ratka explains the dynamics of recoil to cadets in a safety briefing before they enter the range to shoot.*

An extremely exciting part of the field trip for cadets was watching the demonstrations of the other weapons. In explanation, SrA Ratka would say, "The Beretta M9 is our self defense weapon. So if someone were to attack Senior Airman Scot, his

## Heraldry of the New CTG Patch

The central shield resembles the AETC shield and signifies the link to the educational foundation of the CTG, and pays homage to the Air Force of which CAP is the official auxiliary. The emblem resembles that of the California Wing Encampment, just as our encampment

